GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4658
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2001
GROUP ACCIDENT INSURANCE SCHEME FOR FISHERMEN
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have implemented Group Accident Insurance Scheme for fishermen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received representation for enhancement of insurance coverage; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Details of the `Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen` component of the `National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen` are given in the Annexure.

(c): No suggestion/representation has been received for enhancement of insurance coverage for active fishermen.

(d): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4658 ANSWERED ON 23.8.2001

Government or India is implementing in States and Union Territories Centrally sponsored `National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen`. Grant -in- Aid is sanctioned for the following three components of the Scheme:-

(a) Housing

(b) Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen

(c) Saving-cum-Relief

The salient features of the `Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen component under the `National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen` are given in the succeeding paragraph.

`Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen` component of the `National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen` provides that fishermen who are licensed or registered as active fishermen with the State / UT Governments would be insured for Rs.50,000/- against death or permanent disability and Rs.25.000/- for partial accident. The insurance cover will be for a period of 12 months and a policy would be taken out by National Federation of Fishermen`s Cooperatives Limited (FISHCOPFED) in respect of all th participating States/UTs. The annual premium payable would not exceed Rs 15/- per head 50% of which will be subsidized as grants-in-aid by the Central Government and remaining 50% by tlie State Government. In the case of Union Territories, 100% premium will be borne by the Central Government. In case of those States/UTs which subscribe to this component through FISHCOPFED, the Centra share of the assistance (100% premium in case of UTs) would be released directly to FISHCOPFED and will not be routed through States/UTs. The State Governments should, however, ensure that their share of premium is sent to FISHCOPFED will before the due date of renewal of the policy. In case of those States/UTs who do not subscribe to this component through FISHCOPFED, the release

of Central share should be restricted on the basis of annual premium that would be payable had the insurance been taken through FISHCOPFED or the actual premium, whichever is less. No contribution will be collected from the fishermen. The Scheme would cover fishermen in both marine and inland sectors FISHCOPFED will be the executing agency and would operate the scheme through any subsidiary or General Insurance Corporation of the India in case of the States/UTs which opt to subscribe to the scheme through FISHCOPFED.